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1. Spaak's views on CFM meeting--Belgian Premier Spaak, in commenting on the forthcoming CFM meeting, has expressed his opinion to US Charge Millard that if the USSR proposes the unification of Germany under a federal system the western powers could not assume the onus of preventing a united Germany even if they wished to do so. Spaak himself believes that a united federal Germany, with adequate democratic safeguards, would be preferable to the present situation. Spaak also: (a) trusts that the western powers will not withdraw their occupation troops but does not seem to think that the number of troops retained is of primary importance; and (b) believes that the USSR should at all costs be excluded from the Ruhr.

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2. CHINA: US Navy to leave Tsingtao when Shanghai falls--The Secretary of State has advised US Ambassador Stuart in Nanking that the Navy and State Departments, on the assumption that Shanghai will fall in the immediate future, are in agreement that US naval forces and activities should be withdrawn from Tsingtao at the time of the Communist capture of Shanghai.

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